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(54) **MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM**

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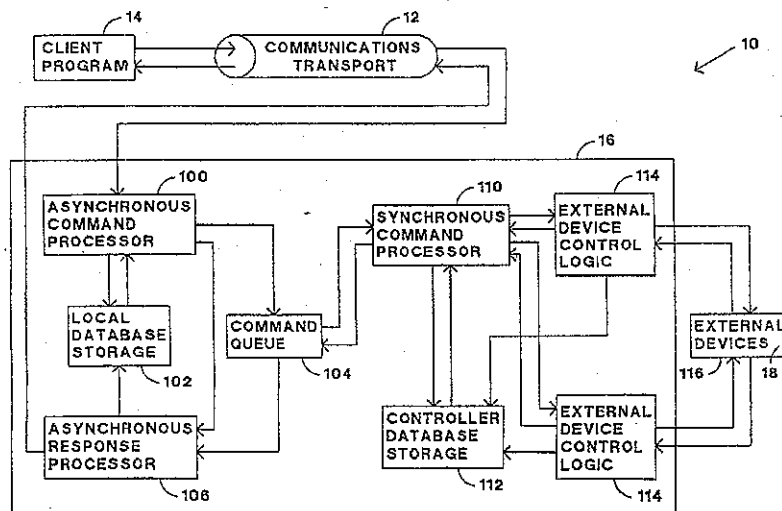
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

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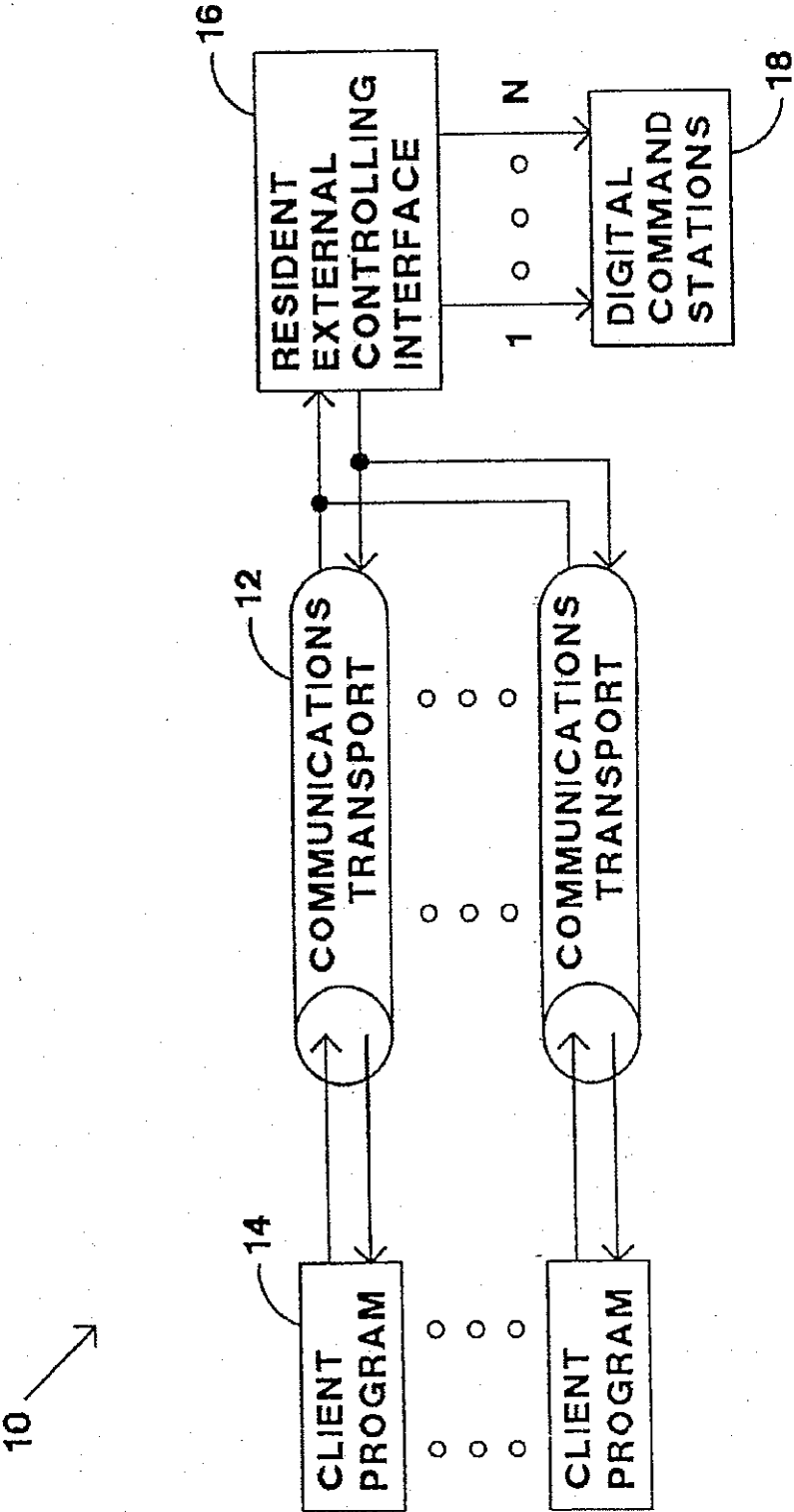


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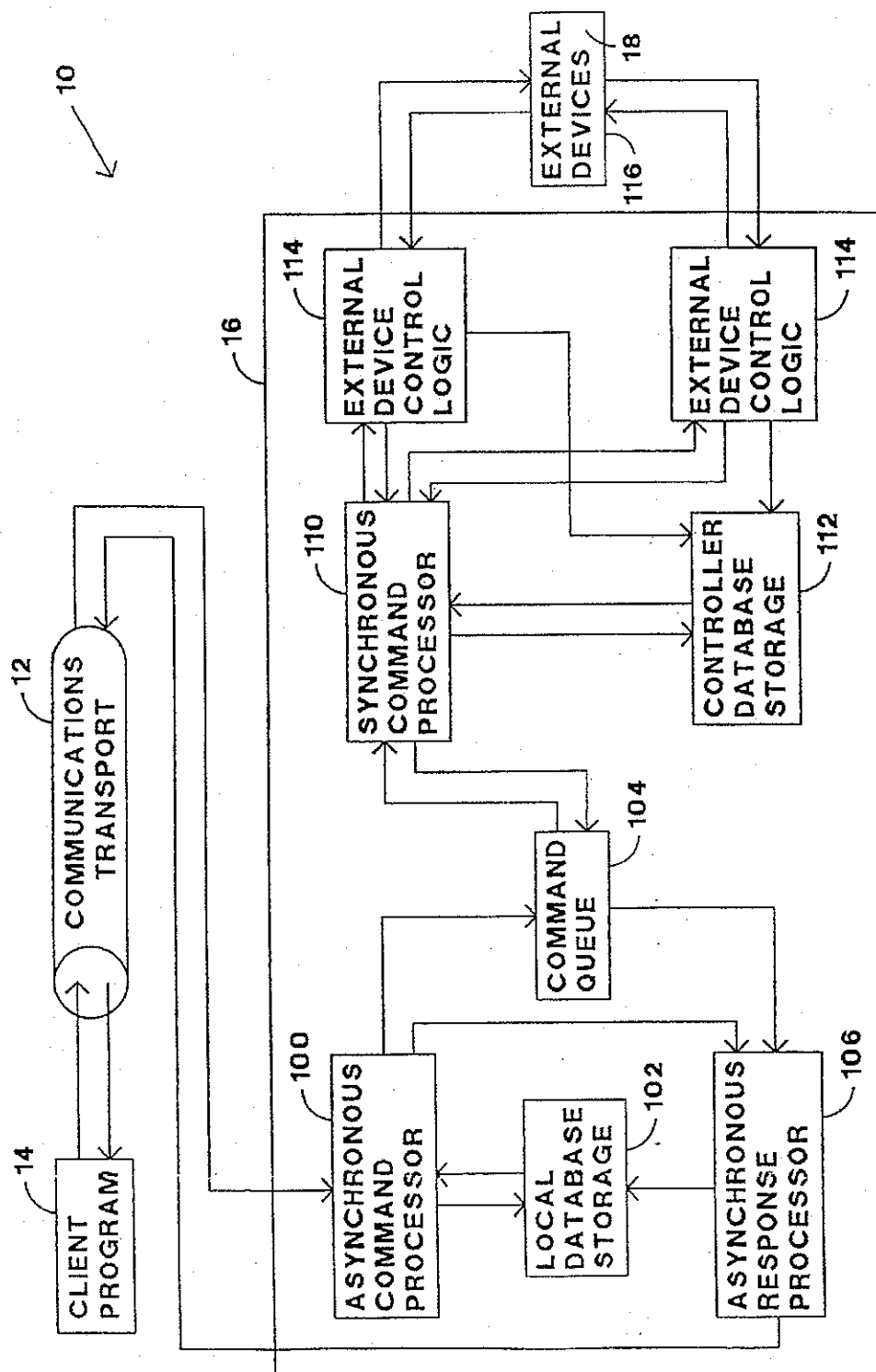


FIG. 2

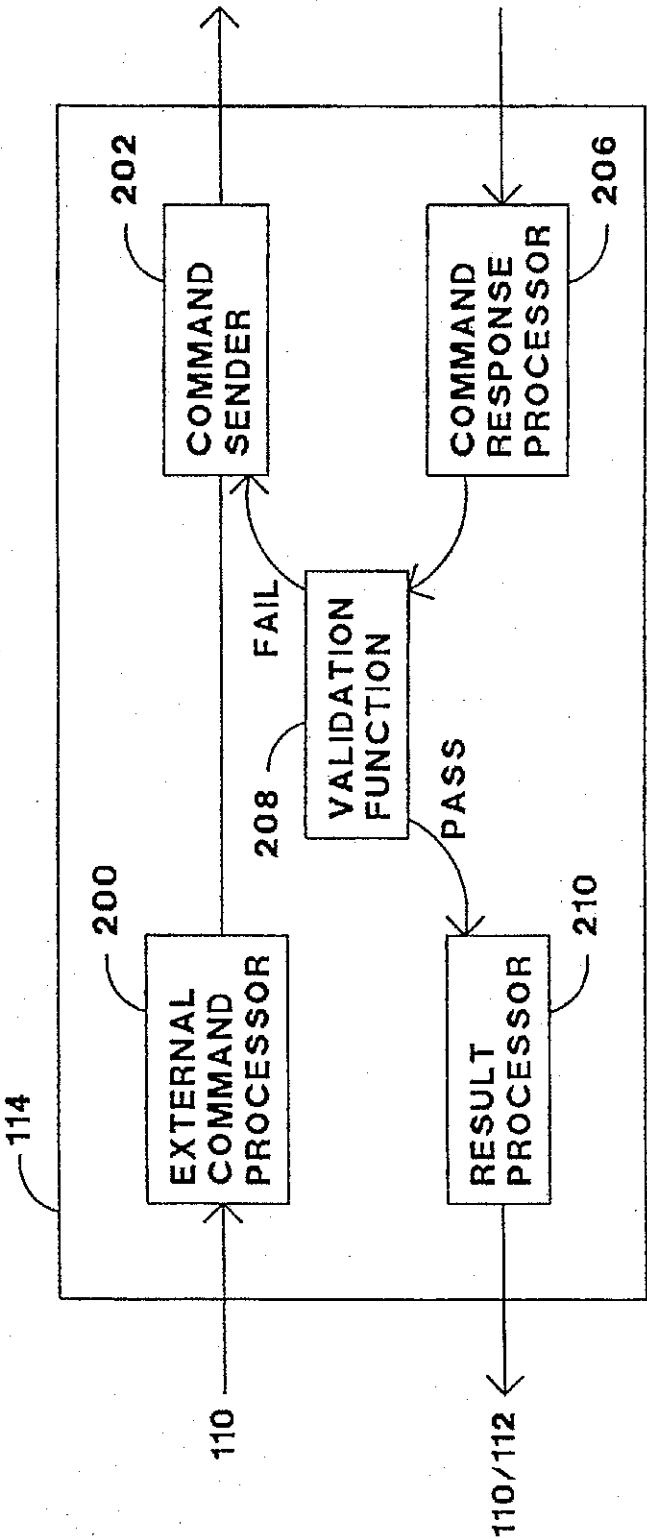


FIG. 3

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MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/858,222 filed on Apr. 17, 2002 U.S. Pat. No. 6,460,467.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a system for controlling a model railroad.

Model railroads have traditionally been constructed with of a set of interconnected sections of train track, electric switches between different sections of the train track, and other electrically operated devices, such as train engines and draw bridges. Train engines receive their power to travel on the train track by electricity provided by a controller through the track itself. The speed and direction of the train engine is controlled by the level and polarity, respectively, of the electrical power supplied to the train track. The operator manually pushes buttons or pulls levers to cause the switches or other electrically operated devices to function, as desired. Such model railroad sets are suitable for a single operator, but unfortunately they lack the capability of adequately controlling multiple trains independently. In addition, such model railroad sets are not suitable for being controlled by multiple operators, especially if the operators are located at different locations distant from the model railroad, such as different cities.

A digital command control (DDC) system has been developed to provide additional controllability of individual train engines and other electrical devices. Each device the operator desires to control, such as a train engine, includes an individually addressable digital decoder. A digital command station (DCS) is electrically connected to the train track to provide a command in the form of a set of encoded digital bits to a particular device that includes a digital decoder. The digital command station is typically controlled by a personal computer. A suitable standard for the digital command control system is the NMRA DCC Standards, issued March 1997, and is incorporated herein by reference. While providing the ability to individually control different devices of the railroad set, the DCC system still fails to provide the capability for multiple operators to control the railroad devices, especially if the operators are remotely located from the railroad set and each other.

DigiToys Systems of Lawrenceville, Ga. has developed a software program for controlling a model railroad set from a remote location. The software includes an interface which allows the operator to select desired changes to devices of the railroad set that include a digital decoder, such as increasing the speed of a train or switching a switch. The software issues a command locally or through a network, such as the internet, to a digital command station at the railroad set which executes the command. The protocol used by the software is based on Cobra from Open Management Group where the software issues a command to a communication interface and awaits confirmation that the command was executed by the digital command station. When the software receives confirmation that the command executed, the software program sends the next command through the communication interface to the digital command station. In other words, the technique used by the software to control the model railroad is analogous to an inexpensive printer where commands are sequentially issued to the printer after the previous command has been executed. Unfortunately, it has been observed that the response of the model railroad to the operator appears slow, especially over a distributed

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network such as the internet. One technique to decrease the response time is to use high-speed network connections but unfortunately such connections are expensive.

What is desired, therefore, is a system for controlling a model railroad that effectively provides a high-speed connection without the additional expense associated therewith.

The foregoing and other objectives, features, and advantages of the invention will be more readily understood upon consideration of the following detailed description of the invention, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The present invention overcomes the aforementioned drawbacks of the prior art, in a first aspect, by providing a system for operating a digitally controlled model railroad, that includes transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controller model railroad.

Incorporating a communications transport between the multiple client program and the resident external controlling interface permits multiple operators of the model railroad at locations distant from the physical model railroad and each other. In the environment of a model railroad club where the members want to simultaneously control devices of the same model railroad layout, which preferably includes multiple trains operating thereon, the operators each provide commands to the resistant external controlling interface, and hence the model railroad. In addition by queuing by commands at a single resident external controlling interface permits controlled execution of the commands by the digitally controlled model railroad, would may otherwise conflict with one another.

In another aspect of the present invention the first command is selectively processed and sent to one of a plurality of digital command stations for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad based upon information contained therein. Preferably, the second command is also selectively processed and sent to one of the plurality of digital command stations for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad based upon information contained therein. The resident external controlling interface also preferably includes a command queue to maintain the order of the commands.

The command queue also allows the sharing of multiple devices, multiple clients to communicate with the same device (locally or remote) in a controlled manner, and multiple clients to communicate with different devices. In other words, the command queue permits the proper execution in the cases of: (1) one client to many devices, (2) many clients to one device, and (3) many clients to many devices.

In yet another aspect of the present invention the first command is transmitted from a first client program to a first processor through a first communications transport. The first command is received at the first processor. The first processor provides an acknowledgement to the first client program through the first communications transport indicating that

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the first command has properly executed prior to execution of commands related to the first command by the digitally controlled model railroad. The communications transport is preferably a COM or DCOM interface.

The model railroad application involves the use of extremely slow real-time interfaces between the digital command stations and the devices of the model railroad. In order to increase the apparent speed of execution to the client, other than using high-speed communication interfaces, the resident external controller interface receives the command and provides an acknowledgement to the client program in a timely manner before the execution of the command by the digital command stations. Accordingly, the execution of commands provided by the resident external controlling interface to the digital command stations occur in a synchronous manner, such as a first-in-first-out manner. The COM and DCOM communications transport between the client program and the resident external controlling interface is operated in an asynchronous manner, namely providing an acknowledgement thereby releasing the communications transport to accept further communications prior to the actual execution of the command. The combination of the synchronous and the asynchronous data communication for the commands provides the benefit that the operator considers the commands to occur nearly instantaneously while permitting the resident external controlling interface to verify that the command is proper and cause the commands to execute in a controlled manner by the digital command stations, all without additional high-speed communication networks. Moreover, for traditional distributed software execution there is no motivation to provide an acknowledgment prior to the execution of the command because the command executes quickly and most commands are sequential in nature. In other words, the execution of the next command is dependent upon proper execution of the prior command so there would be no motivation to provide an acknowledgment prior to its actual execution.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an exemplary embodiment of a model train control system.

FIG. 2 is a more detailed block diagram of the model train control system of FIG. 1 including external device control logic.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of the external device control logic of FIG. 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIG. 1, a model train control system 10 includes a communications transport 12 interconnecting a client program 14 and a resident external controlling interface 16. The client program 14 executes on the model railroad operator's computer and may include any suitable system to permit the operator to provide desired commands to the resident external controlling interface 16. For example, the client program 14 may include a graphical interface representative of the model railroad layout where the operator issues commands to the model railroad by making changes to the graphical interface. The client program 14 also defines a set of Application Programming Interfaces (API's), described in detail later, which the operator accesses using the graphical interface or other programs such as Visual Basic, C++, Java, or browser based applications. There may be multiple client programs interconnected

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with the resident external controlling interface 16 so that multiple remote operators may simultaneously provide control commands to the model railroad.

The communications transport 12 provides an interface between the client program 14 and the resident external controlling interface 16. The communications transport 12 may be any suitable communications medium for the transmission of data, such as the internet, local area network, satellite links, or multiple processes operating on a single computer. The preferred interface to the communications transport 12 is a COM or DCOM interface, as developed for the Windows operating system available from Microsoft Corporation. The communications transport 12 also determines if the resident external controlling interface 16 is system resident or remotely located on an external system. The communications transport 12 may also use private or public communications protocol as a medium for communications. The client program 14 provides commands and the resident external controlling interface 16 responds to the communications transport 12 to exchange information. A description of COM (common object model) and DCOM (distributed common object model) is provided by Chappel in a book entitled Understanding ActiveX and OLE, Microsoft Press, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Incorporating a communications transport 12 between the client program(s) 14 and the resident external controlling interface 16 permits multiple operators of the model railroad at locations distant from the physical model railroad and each other. In the environment of a model railroad club where the members want to simultaneously control devices of the same model railroad layout, which preferably includes multiple trains operating thereon, the operators each provide commands to the resident external controlling interface, and hence the model railroad.

The manner in which commands are executed for the model railroad under COM and DCOM may be as follows. The client program 14 makes requests in a synchronous manner using COM/DCOM to the resident external interface controller 16. The synchronous manner of the request is the technique used by COM and DCOM to execute commands. The communications transport 12 packages the command for the transport mechanism to the resident external controlling interface 16. The resident external controlling interface 16 then passes the command to the digital command stations 18 which in turn executes the command. After the digital command station 18 executes the command an acknowledgement is passed back to the resident external controlling interface 16 which in turn passes an acknowledgement to the client program 14. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement by the client program 14, the communications transport 12 is again available to accept another command. The train control system 10, without more, permits execution of commands by the digital command stations 18 from multiple operators, but like the DigiToys Systems' software the execution of commands is slow.

The present inventor came to the realization that unlike traditional distributed systems where the commands passed through a communications transport are executed nearly instantaneously by the server and then an acknowledgement is returned to the client, the model railroad application involves the use of extremely slow real-time interfaces between the digital command stations and the devices of the model railroad. The present inventor came to the further realization that in order to increase the apparent speed of execution to the client, other than using high-speed communication interfaces, the resident external controller interface 16 should receive the command and provide an

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acknowledgement to the client program 12 in a timely manner before the execution of the command by the digital command stations 18. Accordingly, the execution of commands provided by the resident external controlling interface 16 to the digital command stations 18 occur in a synchronous manner, such as a first-in-first-out manner. The COM and DCOM communications transport 12 between the client program 14 and the resident external controlling interface 16 is operated in an asynchronous manner, namely providing an acknowledgement thereby releasing the communications transport 12 to accept further communications prior to the actual execution of the command. The combination of the synchronous and the asynchronous data communication for the commands provides the benefit that the operator considers the commands to occur nearly instantaneously while permitting the resident external controlling interface 16 to verify that the command is proper and cause the commands to execute in a controlled manner by the digital command stations 18, all without additional high-speed communication networks. Moreover, for traditional distributed software execution there is no motivation to provide an acknowledgment prior to the execution of the command because the command executes quickly and most commands are sequential in nature. In other words, the execution of the next command is dependent upon proper execution of the prior command so there would be no motivation to provide an acknowledgment prior to its actual execution. It is to be understood that other devices, such as digital devices, may be controlled in a manner as described for model railroads.

Referring to FIG. 2, the client program 14 sends a command over the communications transport 12 that is received by an asynchronous command processor 100. The asynchronous command processor 100 queries a local database storage 102 to determine if it is necessary to package a command to be transmitted to a command queue 104. The local database storage 102 primarily contains the state of the devices of the model railroad, such as for example, the speed of a train, the direction of a train, whether a draw bridge is up or down, whether a light is turned on or off, and the configuration of the model railroad layout. If the command received by the asynchronous command processor 100 is a query of the state of a device, then the asynchronous command processor 100 retrieves such information from the local database storage 102 and provides the information to an asynchronous response processor 106. The asynchronous response processor 106 then provides a response to the client program 14 indicating the state of the device and releases the communications transport 12 for the next command.

The asynchronous command processor 100 also verifies, using the configuration information in the local database storage 102, that the command received is a potentially valid operation. If the command is invalid, the asynchronous command processor 100 provides such information to the asynchronous response processor 106, which in turn returns an error indication to the client program 14.

The asynchronous command processor 100 may determine that the necessary information is not contained in the local database storage 102 to provide a response to the client program 14 of the device state or that the command is a valid action. Actions may include, for example, an increase in the train's speed, or turning on/off of a device. In either case, the valid unknown state or action command is packaged and forwarded to the command queue 104. The packaging of the command may also include additional information from the local database storage 102 to complete the client program 14 request, if necessary. Together with packaging the command

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for the command queue 104, the asynchronous command processor 100 provides a command to the asynchronous request processor 106 to provide a response to the client program 14 indicating that the event has occurred, even though such an event has yet to occur on the physical railroad layout.

As such, it can be observed that whether or not the command is valid, whether or not the information requested by the command is available to the asynchronous command processor 100, and whether or not the command has executed, the combination of the asynchronous command processor 100 and the asynchronous response processor 106 both verifies the validity of the command and provides a response to the client program 14 thereby freeing up the communications transport 12 for additional commands. Without the asynchronous nature of the resident external controlling interface 16, the response to the client program 14 would be, in many circumstances, delayed thereby resulting in frustration to the operator that the model railroad is performing in a slow and painstaking manner. In this manner, the railroad operation using the asynchronous interface appears to the operator as nearly instantaneously responsive.

Each command in the command queue 104 is fetched by a synchronous command processor 110 and processed. The synchronous command processor 110 queries a controller database storage 112 for additional information, as necessary, and determines if the command has already been executed based on the state of the devices in the controller database storage 112. In the event that the command has already been executed, as indicated by the controller database storage 112, then the synchronous command processor 110 passes information to the command queue 104 that the command has been executed or the state of the device. The asynchronous response processor 106 fetches the information from the command queue 104 and provides a suitable response to the client program 14, if necessary, and updates the local database storage 102 to reflect the updated status of the railroad layout devices.

If the command fetched by the synchronous command processor 110 from the command queue 104 requires execution by external devices, such as the train engine, then the command is posted to one of several external device control logic 114 blocks. The external device control logic 114 processes the command from the synchronous command processor 110 and issues appropriate control commands to the interface of the particular external device 116 to execute the command on the device and ensure that an appropriate response was received in response. The external device is preferably a digital command control device that transmits digital commands to decoders using the train track. There are several different manufacturers of digital command stations, each of which has a different set of input commands, so each external device is designed for a particular digital command station. In this manner, the system is compatible with different digital command stations. The digital command stations 18 of the external devices 116 provide a response to the external device control logic 114 which is checked for validity and identified as to which prior command it corresponds to so that the controller database storage 112 may be updated properly. The process of transmitting commands to and receiving responses from the external devices 116 is slow.

The synchronous command processor 110 is notified of the results from the external control logic 114 and, if appropriate, forwards the results to the command queue 104. The asynchronous response processor 100 clears the results

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from the command queue 104 and updates the local database storage 102 and sends an asynchronous response to the client program 14, if needed. The response updates the client program 14 of the actual state of the railroad track devices, if changed, and provides an error message to the client program 14 if the devices actual state was previously improperly reported or a command did not execute properly.

The use of two separate database storages, each of which is substantially a mirror image of the other, provides a performance enhancement by a fast acknowledgement to the client program 14 using the local database storage 102 and thereby freeing up the communications transport 12 for additional commands. In addition, the number of commands forwarded to the external device control logic 114 and the external devices 116, which are relatively slow to respond, is minimized by maintaining information concerning the state and configuration of the model railroad. Also, the use of two separate database tables 102 and 112 allows more efficient multi-threading on multi-processor computers.

In order to achieve the separation of the asynchronous and synchronous portions of the system the command queue 104 is implemented as a named pipe, as developed by Microsoft for Windows. The queue 104 allows both portions to be separate from each other, where each considers the other to be the destination device. In addition, the command queue maintains the order of operation which is important to proper operation of the system.

The use of a single command queue 104 allows multiple instantiations of the asynchronous functionality, with one for each different client. The single command queue 104 also allows the sharing of multiple devices, multiple clients to communicate with the same device (locally or remote) in a controlled manner, and multiple clients to communicate with different devices. In other words, the command-queue 104 permits the proper execution in the cases of: (1) one client to many devices, (2) many clients to one device, and (3) many clients to many devices.

The present inventor came to the realization that the digital command stations provided by the different vendors have at least three different techniques for communicating with the digital decoders of the model railroad set. The first technique, generally referred to as a transaction (one or more operations), is a synchronous communication where a command is transmitted, executed, and a response is received therefrom prior to the transmission of the next sequentially received command. The DCS may execute multiple commands in this transaction. The second technique is a cache with out of order execution where a command is executed and a response received therefrom prior to the execution of the next command, but the order of execution is not necessarily the same as the order that the commands were provided to the command station. The third technique is a local-area-network model where the commands are transmitted and received simultaneously. In the LAN model there is no requirement to wait until a response is received for a particular command prior to sending the next command. Accordingly, the LAN model may result in many commands being transmitted by the command station that have yet to be executed. In addition, some digital command stations use two or more of these techniques.

With all these different techniques used to communicate with the model railroad set and the system 10 providing an interface for each different type of command station, there exists a need for the capability of matching up the responses from each of the different types of command stations with the particular command issued for record keeping purposes.

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Without matching up the responses from the command stations, the databases can not be updated properly.

Validation functionality is included within the external device control logic 114 to accommodate all of the different types of command stations. Referring to FIG. 3, an external command processor 200 receives the validated command from the synchronous command processor 110. The external command processor 200 determines which device the command should be directed to, the particular type of command it is, and builds state information for the command. The state information includes, for example, the address, type, port, variables, and type of commands to be sent out. In other words, the state information includes a command set for a particular device on a particular port device. In addition, a copy of the original command is maintained for verification purposes. The constructed command is forwarded to the command sender 202 which is another queue, and preferably a circular queue. The command sender 202 receives the command and transmits commands within its queue in a repetitive nature until the command is removed from its queue. A command response processor 204 receives all the commands from the command stations and passes the commands to the validation function 206. The validation function 206 compares the received command against potential commands that are in the queue of the command sender 202 that could potentially provide such a result. The validation function 206 determines one of four potential results from the comparison. First, the results could be simply bad data that is discarded. Second, the results could be partially executed commands which are likewise normally discarded. Third, the results could be valid responses but not relevant to any command sent. Such a case could result from the operator manually changing the state of devices on the model railroad or from another external device, assuming a shared interface to the DCS. Accordingly, the results are validated and passed to the result processor 210. Fourth, the results could be valid responses relevant to a command sent. The corresponding command is removed from the command sender 202 and the results passed to the result processor 210. The commands in the queue of the command sender 202, as a result of the validation process 206, are retransmitted a predetermined number of times, then if error still occurs the digital command station is reset, which if the error still persists then the command is removed and the operator is notified of the error.

APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

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KamDecoderGetModelFromObj	KamMiscMaxControllerID
KamDecoderGetModelFacility	KamMiscGetControllerFacility
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KamDecoderGetObjAtIndex	This document is divided into two sections, the
KamDecoderPutAdd	Tutorial, and the IDL Command Reference. The tutorial
KamDecoderPutDel	shows the complete code for a simple Visual BASIC program
KamDecoderGetMfgName	that controls all the major functions of a locomotive.
KamDecoderGetPowerMode	This program makes use of many of the commands described
KamDecoderGetMaxSpeed	35 in the reference section. The IDL Command Reference
3.6 Commands to control locomotive decoders	describes each command in detail.
KamEngGetSpeed	I. TUTORIAL
KamEngPutSpeed	A. Visual BASIC Throttle Example Application
KamEngGetSpeedSteps	The following application is created using the
KamEngPutSpeedSteps	Visual BASIC source code in the next section. It
KamEngGetFunction	40 controls all major locomotive functions such as speed,
KamEngPutFunction	direction, and auxiliary functions.
KamEngGetFunctionMax	A. Visual BASIC Throttle Example Source Code
KamEngGetName	' Copyright 1998, KAM Industries. All rights reserved.
KamEngPutName	This is a demonstration program showing the
KamEngGetFunctionName	integration of VisualBasic and Train Server(tm)
KamEngPutFunctionName	45 interface. You may use this application for non
KamEngGetConsistMax	commercial usage.
KamEngPutConsistParent	\$Date: \$
KamEngPutConsistChild	\$Author: \$
KamEngPutConsistRemoveObj	\$Revision: \$
3.7 Commands to control accessory decoders	50 \$Log: \$
KamAccGetFunction	Engine Commander, Computer Dispatcher, Train Server,
KamAccGetFunctionAll	Train Tools, The Conductor and kamind are registered
KamAccPutFunction	Trademarks of KAM Industries. All rights reserved.
KamAccPutFunctionAll	This first command adds the reference to the Train
KamAccGetFunctionMax	55 ServerT interface object Dim EngCmd As New EngComffc
KamAccGetName	Engine Commander uses the term Ports, Devices and
KamAccPutName	Controllers
KamAccGetFunctionName	Ports -> These are logical ids where Decoders are
KamAccPutFunctionName	assigned to. Train ServerT interface supports a
KamAccRegFeedback	60 limited number of logical ports. You can also think
KamAccRegFeedbackAll	of ports as mapping to a command station type. This
KamAccDelFeedback	allows you to move decoders between command station
KamAccDelFeedbackAll	without losing any information about the decoder
3.8 Commands to control the command station	Devices -> These are communications channels
KamOprPutTurnOnStation	65 configured in your computer.
KamOprPutStartStation	You may have a single device (com1) or multiple
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(COM 1 - COM8, LPT1, Other). You are required to map a port to a device to access a command station. Devices start from ID 0 -> max id (FYI; devices do not necessarily have to be serial channel. Always check the name of the device before you use it as well as the maximum number of devices supported. The Command EngCmd.KamPortGetMaxPhysical(iMaxPhysical, iSerial, iParallel) provides means that... iMaxPhysical = iSerial + iParallel + iOther

Controller - These are command the command station like LENZ, Digitrax Northcoast, EasyDCC, Marklin... It is recommend that you check the command station ID before you use it.

Errors - All commands return an error status. If the error value is non zero, then the other return arguments are invalid. In general, non zero errors means command was not executed. To get the error message, you need to call KamMiscErrorMessage and supply the error number

To Operate your layout you will need to perform a mapping between a Port (logical reference), Device (physical communications channel) and a Controller (command station) for the program to work. All references uses the logical device as the reference device for access.

Addresses used are an object reference. To use an address you must add the address to the command station using KamDecoderPutAdd ... One of the return values from this operation is an object reference that is used for control.

We need certain variables as global objects; since the information is being used multiple times

```
Dim iLogicalPort, iController, iComPort
Dim iPortRate, iPortParity, iPortStop, iPortRetrans,
    iPortWatchdog, iPortFlow, iPortData
Dim iEngineObject As Long, iDecoderClass As Integer,
    iDecoderType As Integer
Dim iMaxController As Long
Dim iMaxLogical As Long, iMaxPhysical As Long, iMaxSerial
    As Long, iMaxParallel As Long
```

```
'Form load function
' Turn of the initial buttons
' Set the interface information
```

```
Private Sub Form_Load()
    Dim strVer As String, strCom As String, strCtrl As
        String
    Dim iError As Integer
    'Get the interface version information
    SetButtonState (False)
    iError = EngCmd.KamMiscGetInterfaceVersion(strVer)
    If (iError) Then
        MsgBox ("Train Server not loaded. Check
            DCOM-95")
        iLogicalPort = 0
        LogPort.Caption = iLogicalPort
        ComPort.Caption = "???"
        Controller.Caption = "Unknown"
    Else
        MsgBox ("Simulation(COM1) Train Server -- " &
            strVer)
        'Configuration information; Only need to
        ' change these values to use a different
        ' controller...
        ' UNKNOWN      0 // Unknown control type
        ' SIMULAT      1 // Interface simulator
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```
' LENZ_1x      2 // Lenz serial support module
' LENZ_2x      3 // Lenz serial support module
' DIGIT_DT200  4 // Digitrax direct drive
                support using DT200
' DIGIT_DCS100 5 // Digitrax direct drive
                support using DCS100
' MASTERSERIES 6 // North Coast engineering
                master Series
' SYSTEMONE    7 // System One
' RAMFIX       8 // RAMFixx system
' DYNATROL     9 // Dynatrol system
' Northcoast binary 10 // North Coast binary
' SERIAL       11 // NMRA Serial
                interface
' EASYDCC      12 // NMRA Serial interface
' MRK6050      13 // 6050 Marklin interface
                (AC and DC)
' MRK6023      14 // 6023 Marklin hybrid
                interface (AC)
' ZTC          15 // ZTC Systems Ltd
' DIGIT_PR1    16 // Digitrax direct drive
                support using PR1
' DIRECT       17 // Direct drive interface
                routine
```

```
*****
25 iLogicalPort = 1 'Select Logical port 1 for
    communications
    iController = 1 'Select controller from the list
        above.
    iComPort = 0 'use COM1; 0 means com1 (Digitrax must
        use Com1 or Com2)
```

```
30 'Digitrax Baud rate requires 16.4K!
    'Most COM ports above Com2 do not
    'support 16.4K. Check with the
    'manufacture of your smart com card
    'for the baud rate. Keep in mind that
    'Dumb com cards with serial port
    'support Com1 - Com4 can only support
    '2 com ports (like com1/com2
    'or com3/com4)
    'If you change the controller, do not
    'forget to change the baud rate to
    'match the command station. See your
    'user manual for details
```

```
40 *****
    ' 0: // Baud rate is 300
    ' 1: // Baud rate is 1200
    ' 2: // Baud rate is 2400
    ' 3: // Baud rate is 4800
    ' 4: // Baud rate is 9600
    ' 5: // Baud rate is 14.4
    ' 6: // Baud rate is 16.4
    ' 7: // Baud rate is 19.2
    iPortRate = 4
    ' Parity values 0-4 -> no, odd, even, mark,
    ' space
    iPortParity = 0
    ' Stop bits 0,1,2 -> 1, 1.5, 2
    iPortStop = 0
    iPortRetrans = 10
    iPortWatchdog = 2048
    iPortFlow = 0
    ' Data bits 0 -> 7 Bits, 1-> 8 bits
    iPortData = 1
```

```
55 'Display the port and controller information
    iError = EngCmd.KamPortGetMaxLogPorts(iMaxLogical)
    iError = EngCmd.KamPortGetMaxPhysical(iMaxPhysical,
        iMaxSerial, iMaxParallel)
    ' Get the port name and do some checking...
    iError = EngCmd.KamPortGetName(iComPort, strCom)
    SetError (iError)
    If (iComPort > iMaxSerial) Then MsgBox ("Com port
        out of range")
    iError =
        EngCmd.KamMiscGetControllerName(iController,
        strCtrl)
    If (iLogicalPort > iMaxLogical) Then MsgBox
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("Logical port out of range")
    SetError (iError)
End If
'Display values in Throttle..
LogPort.Caption = iLogicalPort
ComPort.Caption = strCom
Controller.Caption = strCtrl
End Sub
*****
'Send Command
Note:
    Please follow the command order. Order is important
    for the application to work!
*****
Private Sub Command_Click()
'Send the command from the interface to the command
station, use the engineObject
Dim iError, iSpeed As Integer
If Not Connect.Enabled Then
    'TrainTools interface is a caching interface.
    'This means that you need to set up the CV's or
    'other operations first; then execute the
    'command.
    iSpeed = Speed.Text
    iError =
EngCmd.KamEngPutFunction(iEngineObject, 0, F0.Value)
    iError =
EngCmd.KamEngPutFunction(iEngineObject, 1,
F1.Value)
    iError =
EngCmd.KamEngPutFunction(iEngineObject, 2,
F2.Value)
    iError =
EngCmd.KamEngPutFunction(iEngineObject, 3,
F3.Value)
    iError = EngCmd.KamEngPutSpeed(iEngineObject,
iSpeed, Direction.Value)
    If iError = 0 Then iError =
EngCmd.KamCmdCommand(iEngineObject)
    SetError (iError)
End If
End Sub
*****
'Connect Controller
*****
Private Sub Connect_Click()
Dim iError As Integer
'These are the index values for setting up the port
for use
PORT_RETRANS      0 // Retrans index
PORT_RATE         1 // Retrans index
PORT_PARITY       2 // Retrans index
PORT_STOP         3 // Retrans index
PORT_WATCHDOG     4 // Retrans index
PORT_FLOW         5 // Retrans index
PORT_DATABITS     6 // Retrans index
PORT_DEBUG        7 // Retrans index
PORT_PARALLEL     8 // Retrans index
    These are the index values for setting up the
    port for use
PORT_RETRANS      0 // Retrans index
PORT_RATE         1 // Retrans index
PORT_PARITY       2 // Retrans index
PORT_STOP         3 // Retrans index
PORT_WATCHDOG     4 // Retrans index
PORT_FLOW         5 // Retrans index
PORT_DATABITS     6 // Retrans index
PORT_DEBUG        7 // Retrans index
PORT_PARALLEL     8 // Retrans index
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 0,
iPortRetrans, 0) 'setting PORT_RETRANS
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 1
iPortRate, 0) 'setting PORT_RATE
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 2,
iPortParity, 0) 'setting PORT_PARITY
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 3
iPortStop, 0) 'setting PORT_STOP

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5      iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 4
iPortWatchdog, 0) 'setting PORT_WATCHDOG
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 5,
iPortFlow, 0) 'setting PORT_FLOW
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 6,
iPortData, 0) 'setting PORT_DATABITS
10 'We need to set the appropriate debug mode for display..
'this command can only be sent if the following is true
'-Controller is not connected
'-port has not been mapped
'-Not share ware version of application (Shareware
always set to 130)
15 'Write Display Log Debug
File Win Level Value
'1 + 2 + 4 = 7 -> LEVEL1 -- put packets into
queues
'1 + 2 + 8 = 11 -> LEVEL2 -- Status messages
send to window
20 '1 + 2 + 16 = 19 -> LEVEL3 --
'1 + 2 + 32 = 35 -> LEVEL4 -- All system
semaphores/critical sections
'1 + 2 + 64 = 67 -> LEVEL5 -- detailed
debugging information
'1 + 2 + 128 = 131 -> COMMONLY -- Read comm write
comm ports
25 'You probably only want to use values of 130. This will
give you a display what is read or written to the
controller. If you want to write the information to
disk, use 131. The other information is not valid for
end users.
30 'Note: 1. This does effect the performance of you
system; 130 is a save value for debug
display. Always set the key to 1, a value
of 0 will disable debug
2. The Digitrax control codes displayed are
encrypted. The information that you
determine from the control codes is that
information is sent (S) and a response is
received (R)
35 iDebugMode = 130
iValue = Value.Text' Display value for reference
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutConfig(iLogicalPort, 7, iDebug,
iValue) setting PORT_DEBUG
'Now map the Logical Port, Physical device, Command
station and Controller
iError = EngCmd.KamPortPutMapController(iLogicalPort,
iController, iComPort)
iError = EngCmd.KamCmdConnect(iLogicalPort)
45 iError = EngCmd.KamOprPutTurnOnStation(iLogicalPort)
If (iError) Then
SetButtonState (False)
Else
SetButtonState (True)
End If
50 SetError (iError) 'Displays the error message and error
number
End Sub
*****
'Set the address button
*****
55 Private Sub DCCAddr_Click()
Dim iAddr, iStatus As Integer
'All addresses must be match to a logical port to
operate
iDecoderType = 1 'Set the decoder type to an NMRA
baseline decoder (1 - 8 reg)
iDecoderClass = 1 'Set the decoder class to Engine
decoder (there are only two classes of decoders;
Engine and Accessory)
'Once we make a connection, we use the iEngineObject
as the reference object to send control information
If (Address.Text > 1) Then
iStatus = EngCmd.KamDecoderPutAdd(Address.Text,
iLogicalPort, iLogicalPort, 0,
iDecoderType, iEngineObject)
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SetError (iStatus)
If (iEngineObject) Then
    Command.Enabled = True 'turn on the control
    (send) button
    Throttle.Enabled = True 'Turn on the throttle
Else
    MsgBox ("Address not set, check error message")
End If
Else
    MsgBox ("Address must be greater than 0 and
    less than 128")
End If
End Sub
*****
'Disconnect button
*****
Private Sub Disconnect_Click()
    Dim iError As Integer
    iError = EngCmd.KamCmdDisconnect(iLogicalPort)
    SetError (iError)
    SetButtonState (False)
End Sub
*****
'Display error message
*****
Private Sub SetError(iError As Integer)
    Dim szError As String
    Dim iStatus
    ' This shows how to retrieve a sample error message
    from the interface for the status received.
    iStatus = EngCmd.KamMiscGetErrorMsg(iError, szError)
    ErrorMsg.Caption = szError
    Result.Caption = Str(iStatus)
End Sub
*****
'Set the Form button state
*****
Private Sub SetButtonState(iState As Boolean)
    'We set the state of the buttons; either connected
    or disconnected
    If (iState) Then
        Connect.Enabled = False
        Disconnect.Enabled = True
        ONCmd.Enabled = True
        OffCmd.Enabled = True
        DCCAddr.Enabled = True
        UpDownAddress.Enabled = True
    'Now we check to see if the Engine Address has been
    'set; if it has we enable the send button
    If (iEngineObject > 0) Then
        Command.Enabled = True
        Throttle.Enabled = True
    Else
        Command.Enabled = False
        Throttle.Enabled = False
    End If
Else
    Connect.Enabled = True
    Disconnect.Enabled = False
    Command.Enabled = False
    ONCmd.Enabled = False
    OffCmd.Enabled = False
    DCCAddr.Enabled = False
    UpDownAddress.Enabled = False
    Throttle.Enabled = False
End If
End Sub
*****
'Power Off function
*****
Private Sub OffCmd_Click()
    Dim iError As Integer
    iError = EngCmd.KamOprPutPowerOff(iLogicalPort)
    SetError (iError)
End Sub
*****
'Power On function

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5 *****
Private Sub ONCmd_Click()
    Dim iError As Integer
    iError = EngCmd.KamOprPutPowerOn(iLogicalPort)
    SetError (iError)
End Sub
10 *****
Throttle slider control
*****
Private Sub Throttle_Click()
    If (iEngineObject) Then
        If (Throttle.Value > 0) Then
            Speed.Text = Throttle.Value
        End If
    End If
End Sub
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I. IDL COMMAND REFERENCE
A. Introduction
This document describes the IDL interface to
the KAM Industries Engine Commander Train Server. The
Train Server DCOM server may reside locally or on a
network node. This server handles all the background
details of controlling your railroad. You write simple,
front end programs in a variety of languages such as
BASIC, Java, or C++ to provide the visual interface to
the user while the server handles the details of
communicating with the command station, etc.
25 A. Data Types
Data is passed to and from the IDL interface using a
several primitive data types. Arrays of these simple
types are also used. The exact type passed to and from
your program depends on the programming language you are
using.
The following primitive data types are used:
IDL Type BASIC Type C++ Type Java Type Description
short short short short Short signed integer
int int int int Signed integer
35 BSTR BSTR BSTR BSTR Text string
long long long long Unsigned 32 bit value
Name ID CV Range Valid CV's Functions Address Range Speed
Steps
NMRA Compatible 0 None None 2 1-99 14
Baseline 1 1-8 1-8 9 1-127 14
Extended 2 1-106 1-9, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 29, 30,
40 49, 66-95 9 1-10239 14,28,128
All Mobile 3 1-106 1-106 9 1-10239 14,28,128
Name ID CV Range Valid CV's Functions Address Range
Accessory 4 513-593 513-593 8 0-511
All Stationary 5 513-1024 513-1024 8 0-511
45 A long /DecoderObject/D value is returned by the
KamDecoderPutAdd call if the decoder is successfully
registered with the server. This unique opaque ID should
be used for all subsequent calls to reference this
decoder.
A. Commands to access the server configuration variable
database
50 This section describes the commands that access
the server configuration variables (CV) database. These
CVs are stored in the decoder and control many of its
characteristics such as its address. For efficiency, a
copy of each CV value is also stored in the server
database. Commands such as KamCVGetValue and
KamCVPutValue communicate only with the server, not the
55 actual decoder. You then use the programming commands in
the next section to transfer CVs to and from the decoder.
OKamCVGetValue
Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
IDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
iCVRegister 1-1024 2 In CV register
60 pCVValue int * 3 Out Pointer to CV value
1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.
2 Range is 1-1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is
given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.
3 CV Value pointed to has a range of 0 to 255.
65 Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag

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1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg). KamCVGetValue takes the decoder object ID and configuration variable (CV) number as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pCVValue to the value of the server copy of the configuration variable.

OKamCVPutValue

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iCVRegint	1-1024	2	In	CV register
iCVValue	int	0-255	In	CV value

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum CV is 1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamCVPutValue takes the decoder object ID, configuration variable (CV) number, and a new CV value as parameters. It sets the server copy of the specified decoder CV to iCVValue.

OKamCVGetEnable

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iCVRegint	1-1024	2	In	CV number
pEnable	int *	3	Out	Pointer to CV bit mask

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum CV is 1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.

3 0x0001 - SET_CV_INUSE 0x0002 - SET_CV_READ_DIRTY
0x0004 - SET_CV_WRITE_DIRTY 0x0008 - SET_CV_ERROR_READ
0x0010 - SET_CV_ERROR_WRITE

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg). KamCVGetEnable takes the decoder object ID, configuration variable (CV) number, and a pointer to store the enable flag as parameters. It sets the location pointed to by pEnable.

OKamCVPutEnable

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iCVRegint	1-1024	2	In	CV number
iEnableint	3	In		CV bit mask

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum CV is 1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.

3 0x0001 - SET_CV_INUSE 0x0002 - SET_CV_READ_DIRTY
0x0004 - SET_CV_WRITE_DIRTY 0x0008 - SET_CV_ERROR_READ
0x0010 - SET_CV_ERROR_WRITE

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamCVPutEnable takes the decoder object ID, configuration variable (CV) number, and a new enable state as parameters. It sets the server copy of the CV bit mask to iEnable.

OKamCVGetName

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iCV	int	1-1024	In	CV number
pbsCVNameString	BSTR *	1	Out	Pointer to CV name string

1 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamCVGetName takes a configuration variable (CV) number as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by

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5 pbsCVNameString to the name of the CV as defined in NMRA Recommended Practice RP 9.2.2.

OKamCVGetMinRegister

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
pMinRegister	int *	2	Out	Pointer to min CV register number

10 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Normally 1-1024. 0 on error or if decoder does not support CVs.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

15 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamCVGetMinRegister takes a decoder object ID as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by pMinRegister to the minimum possible CV register number for the specified decoder.

OKamCVGetMaxRegister

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
pMaxRegister	int *	2	Out	Pointer to max CV register number

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Normally 1-1024. 0 on error or if decoder does not support CVs.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

30 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamCVGetMaxRegister takes a decoder object ID as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by pMaxRegister to the maximum possible CV register number for the specified decoder.

A. Commands to program configuration variables

This section describes the commands read and write decoder configuration variables (CVs). You should initially transfer a copy of the decoder CVs to the server using the KamProgramReadDecoderToDataBase command. You can then read and modify this server copy of the CVs. Finally, you can program one or more CVs into the decoder using the KamProgramCV or KamProgramDecoderFromDataBase command. Not that you must first enter programming mode by issuing the KamProgram command before any programming can be done.

OKamProgram

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iProgLogPort	int	1-65535	2	In Logical programming port ID
iProgMode	int	3	In	Programming mode

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

50 2 Maximum value for this server given by KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

3 0 - PROGRAM_MODE_NONE
1 - PROGRAM_MODE_ADDRESS
2 - PROGRAM_MODE_REGISTER
3 - PROGRAM_MODE_PAGE
4 - PROGRAM_MODE_DIRECT
5 - DCODE_PRGMODE_OPS_SHORT
6 - PROGRAM_MODE_OPS_LONG

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

60 KamProgram take the decoder object ID, logical programming port ID, and programming mode as parameters. It changes the command station mode from normal operation (PROGRAM_MODE_NONE) to the specified programming mode. Once in programming modes, any number of programming commands may be called. When done, you must call KamProgram with a parameter of PROGRAM_MODE_NONE to return to normal operation.

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OKamProgramGetMode
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iProgLogPort int 1-65535 2 In Logical programming port ID
 piProgMode int * 3 Out Programming mode
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 Maximum value for this server given by KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.
 3 0 - PROGRAM_MODE_NONE
 1 - PROGRAM_MODE_ADDRESS
 2 - PROGRAM_MODE_REGISTER
 3 - PROGRAM_MODE_PAGE
 4 - PROGRAM_MODE_DIRECT
 5 - DCODE_PRGMODE_OPS_SHORT
 6 - PROGRAM_MODE_OPS_LONG
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 KamProgramGetMode takes the decoder object ID, logical programming port ID, and pointer to a place to store the programming mode as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piProgMode to the present programming mode.
OKamProgramGetStatus
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iCVRegint 0-1024 2 In CV number
 piCVAllStatus int * 3 Out Or'd decoder programming status
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 0 returns OR'd value for all CVs. Other values return status for just that CV.
 3 0x0001 - SET_CV_INUSE
 0x0002 - SET_CV_READ_DIRTY
 0x0004 - SET_CV_WRITE_DIRTY
 0x0008 - SET_CV_ERROR_READ
 0x0010 - SET_CV_ERROR_WRITE
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 KamProgramGetStatus takes the decoder object ID and pointer to a place to store the OR'd decoder programming status as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piProgMode to the present programming mode.
OKamProgramReadCV
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iCVRegint 2 In CV number
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 Maximum CV is 1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 KamProgramCV takes the decoder object ID, configuration variable (CV) number as parameters. It reads the specified CV variable value to the server database.
OKamProgramCV
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iCVRegint 2 In CV number
 iCVValue int 0-255 In CV value
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 Maximum CV is 1024. Maximum CV for this decoder is given by KamCVGetMaxRegister.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

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5 **KamProgramCV** takes the decoder object ID, configuration variable (CV) number, and a new CV value as parameters. It programs (writes) a single decoder CV using the specified value as source data.
OKamProgramReadDecoderToDataBase
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 15 **KamProgramReadDecoderToDataBase** takes the decoder object ID as a parameter. It reads all enabled CV values from the decoder and stores them in the server database.
OKamProgramDecoderFromDataBase
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 25 **KamProgramDecoderFromDataBase** takes the decoder object ID as a parameter. It programs (writes) all enabled decoder CV values using the server copy of the CVs as source data.
 A. Commands to control all decoder types
 This section describes the commands that all decoder types. These commands do things such getting the maximum address a given type of decoder supports, adding decoders to the database, etc.
OKamDecoderGetMaxModels
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 piMaxModels int * 1 Out Pointer to Max model ID
 35 1 Normally 1-65535. 0 on error.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
 40 **KamDecoderGetMaxModels** takes no parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piMaxModels to the maximum decoder type ID.
OKamDecoderGetModelName
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iModel int 1-65535 1 In Decoder type ID
 pbsModelName BSTR * 2 Out Decoder name string
 45 1 Maximum value for this server given by KamDecoderGetMaxModels.
 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 50 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg). **KamPortGetModelName** takes a decoder type ID and a pointer to a string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pbsModelName to a BSTR containing the decoder name.
OKamDecoderSetModelToObj
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iModel int 1 In Decoder model ID
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 1 Maximum value for this server given by KamDecoderGetMaxModels.
 2 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 60 Return Value Type Range Direction Description
 iError short 1 Error flag Description
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
KamDecoderSetModelToObj takes a decoder ID and decoder object ID as parameters. It sets the decoder model type of the decoder at address iDecoderObjectID to the type

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specified by iModel.

OKamDecoderGetMaxAddress

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iModel	int	1	In	Decoder type ID
piMaxAddress	int *	2	Out	Maximum decoder address

1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamDecoderGetMaxModels

2 Model dependent. 0 returned on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderGetMaxAddress takes a decoder type ID and a pointer to store the maximum address as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piMaxAddress to the maximum address supported by the specified decoder.

OKamDecoderChangeOldNewAddr

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iOldObjID	long	1	In	Old decoder object ID
iNewAddr	int	2	In	New decoder address
piNewObjID	long *	1	Out	New decoder object ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2 1-127 for short locomotive addresses. 1-10239 for

long locomotive decoders. 0-511 for accessory decoders.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderChangeOldNewAddr takes an old decoder object ID and a new decoder address as parameters. It moves the specified locomotive or accessory decoder to iNewAddr and sets the memory pointed to by piNewObjID to the new object ID. The old object ID is now invalid and should no longer be used.

OKamDecoderMovePort

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	In	Logical port ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderMovePort takes a decoder object ID and logical port ID as parameters. It moves the decoder specified by IDecoderObjectID to the controller specified by iLogicalPortID.

OKamDecoderGetPort

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piLogicalPortID	int *	1-65535	Out	Pointer to logical port ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderMovePort takes a decoder object ID and pointer to a logical port ID as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piLogicalPortID to the logical port ID associated with IDecoderObjectID.

OKamDecoderCheckAddrInUse

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderAddress	int	1	In	Decoder address
iLogicalPortID	int	2	In	Logical Port ID
iDecoderClass	int	3	In	Class of decoder

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2 Maximum value for this server given by

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5 KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

3	1 - DECODER_ENGINE_TYPE,
	2 - DECODER_SWITCH_TYPE,
	3 - DECODER_SENSOR_TYPE.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

10 1 iError = 0 for successful call and address not in use. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg). IDS_ERR_ADDRESSEXIST returned if call succeeded but the address exists.

KamDecoderCheckAddrInUse takes a decoder address, logical port, and decoder class as parameters. It returns zero

if the address is not in use. It will return

IDS_ERR_ADDRESSEXIST if the call succeeds but the address already exists. It will return the appropriate non zero

error number if the calls fails.

OKamDecoderGetModelFromObj

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piModelint *	1-65535	2	Out	Pointer to decoder type ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2 Maximum value for this server given by

KamDecoderGetMaxModels.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderGetModelFromObj takes a decoder object ID and pointer to a decoder type ID as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piModel to the decoder type ID associated with IDecoderObjectID.

OKamDecoderGetModelFacility

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
pdwFacility	long *	2	Out	Pointer to decoder facility mask

35 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAddr.

2	0 - DCODE_PRGMODE_ADDR
	1 - DCODE_PRGMODE_REG
	2 - DCODE_PRGMODE_PAGE
	3 - DCODE_PRGMODE_DIR
	4 - DCODE_PRGMODE_FLYSHT
	5 - DCODE_PRGMODE_FLYLNG
	6 - Reserved
	7 - Reserved
	8 - Reserved
	9 - Reserved
	10 - Reserved
	11 - Reserved
	12 - Reserved
	13 - DCODE_FEAT_DIRLIGHT
	14 - DCODE_FEAT_LNGADDR
	15 - DCODE_FEAT_CVENABLE
	16 - DCODE_FEDMODE_ADDR
	17 - DCODE_FEDMODE_REG
	18 - DCODE_FEDMODE_PAGE
	19 - DCODE_FEDMODE_DIR
	20 - DCODE_FEDMODE_FLYSHT
	21 - DCODE_FEDMODE_FLYLNG

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamDecoderGetModelFacility takes a decoder object ID and pointer to a decoder facility mask as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pdwFacility to the decoder facility mask associated with IDecoderObjectID.

OKamDecoderGetObjCount

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderClass	int	1	In	Class of decoder
piObjCount	int *	0-65535	Out	Count of active decoders

65 1 1 - DECODER_ENGINE_TYPE,
2 - DECODER_SWITCH_TYPE,

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3 - DECODER_SENSOR_TYPE.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description*	
iError short	1	Error flag		
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).				
KamDecoderGetObjCount takes a decoder class and a pointer to an address count as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piObjCount to the count of active decoders of the type given by iDecoderClass.				
OKamDecoderGetObjAtIndex				
Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description*
iIndex int	1	In	In	Decoder array index
iDecoderClass int	2	In	In	Class of decoder
piDecoderObjectID long *	3	Out	Out	Pointer to decoder object ID
1 0 to (KamDecoderGetAddressCount - 1).				
2 1 - DECODER_ENGINE_TYPE, 2 - DECODER_SWITCH_TYPE, 3 - DECODER_SENSOR_TYPE.				
3 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.				
Return Value	Type	Range	Description	
iError short	1	Error flag		
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).				
KamDecoderGetObjCount takes a decoder index, decoder class, and a pointer to an object ID as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piDecoderObjectID to the selected object ID.				
OKamDecoderPutAdd				
Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderAddress int	1	In	In	Decoder address
iLogicalCmdPortID int	1-65535	2	In	Logical command port ID
iLogicalProgPortID int	1-65535	2	In	Logical programming port ID
iClearState int	3	In	In	Clear state flag
iModel int	4	In	In	Decoder model type ID
piDecoderObjectID long *	5	Out	Out	Decoder object ID
1 1-127 for short locomotive addresses. 1-10239 for long locomotive decoders. 0-511 for accessory decoders.				
2 Maximum value for this server given by KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.				
3 0 - retain state, 1 - clear state.				
4 Maximum value for this server given by KamDecoderGetMaxModels.				
5 Opaque object ID handle. The object ID is used to reference the decoder.				
Return Value	Type	Range	Description	
iError short	1	Error flag		
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).				
KamDecoderPutAdd takes a decoder object ID, command logical port, programming logical port, clear flag, decoder model ID, and a pointer to a decoder object ID as parameters. It creates a new locomotive object in the locomotive database and sets the memory pointed to by piDecoderObjectID to the decoder object ID used by the server as a key.				
OKamDecoderPutDel				
Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID long	1	In	In	Decoder object ID
iClearState int	2	In	In	Clear state flag
1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.				
2 0 - retain state, 1 - clear state.				
Return Value	Type	Range	Description*	
iError short	1	Error flag		
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).				
KamDecoderPutDel takes a decoder object ID and clear flag as parameters. It deletes the locomotive object specified by iDecoderObjectID from the locomotive database.				
OKamDecoderGetMfgName				

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Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID long	1	In	In	Decoder object ID
pbsMfgName BSTR *	2	Out	Out	Pointer to manufacturer name

| 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd. | | | | |
| 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error. | | | | |

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).			

| 15 KamDecoderGetMfgName takes a decoder object ID and pointer to a manufacturer name string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pbsMfgName to the name of the decoder manufacturer. | | | | |
| OKamDecoderGetPowerMode | | | | |

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID long	1	In	In	Decoder object ID
pbsPowerMode BSTR *	2	Out	Out	Pointer to decoder power mode

| 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd. | | | | |
| 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error. | | | | |

Return Value	Type	Range	Description*
iError short	1	Error flag	
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).			

| 30 KamDecoderGetPowerMode takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to the power mode string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pbsPowerMode to the decoder power mode. | | | | |
| OKamDecoderGetMaxSpeed | | | | |

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID long	1	In	In	Decoder object ID
piSpeedStep int *	2	Out	Out	Pointer to max speed step

| 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd. | | | | |
| 2 14, 28, 56, or 128 for locomotive decoders. 0 for accessory decoders. | | | | |

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).			

40 KamDecoderGetMaxSpeed takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to the maximum supported speed step as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piSpeedStep to the maximum speed step supported by the decoder.				
45 A. Commands to control locomotive decoders				
This section describes the commands that control locomotive decoders. These commands control things such as locomotive speed and direction. For efficiency, a copy of all the engine variables such as speed is stored in the server. Commands such as KamEngGetSpeed communicate only with the server, not the actual decoder. You should first make any changes to the server copy of the engine variables. You can send all changes to the engine using the KamCmdCommand command.				
OKamEngGetSpeed				

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iDecoderObjectID long	1	In	In	Decoder object ID
lpSpeed int *	2	Out	Out	Pointer to locomotive speed
lpDirection int *	3	Out	Out	Pointer to locomotive direction

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.				
2 Speed range is dependent on whether the decoder is set to 14, 18, or 128 speed steps and matches the values defined by NMRA S9.2 and RP 9.2.1. 0 is stop and 1 is emergency stop for all modes.				
3 Forward is boolean TRUE and reverse is boolean FALSE.				

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
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iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngGetSpeed takes the decoder object ID and pointers to locations to store the locomotive speed and direction as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by lpSpeed to the locomotive speed and the memory pointed to by lpDirection to the locomotive direction.
 OKamEngPutSpeed
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description*
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iSpeed int * 2 In Locomotive speed
 iDirection int * 3 In Locomotive direction
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 Speed range is dependent on whether the decoder is set to 14, 18, or 128 speed steps and matches the values defined by NMRA S9.2 and RP 9.2.1. 0 is stop and 1 is emergency stop for all modes.
 3 Forward is boolean TRUE and reverse is boolean FALSE.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngPutSpeed takes the decoder object ID, new locomotive speed, and new locomotive direction as parameters. It sets the locomotive database speed to iSpeed and the locomotive database direction to iDirection. Note: This command only changes the locomotive database. The data is not sent to the decoder until execution of the KamCmdCommand command. Speed is set to the maximum possible for the decoder if iSpeed exceeds the decoders range.
 OKamEngGetSpeedSteps
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 lpSpeedSteps int * 14,28,128 Out Pointer to number of speed steps
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngGetSpeedSteps takes the decoder object ID and a pointer to a location to store the number of speed steps as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by lpSpeedSteps to the number of speed steps.
 OKamEngPutSpeedSteps
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iSpeedSteps int 14,28,128 In Locomotive speed steps
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngPutSpeedSteps takes the decoder object ID and a new number of speed steps as a parameter. It sets the number of speed steps in the locomotive database to iSpeedSteps. Note: This command only changes the locomotive database. The data is not sent to the decoder until execution of the KamCmdCommand command. KamDecoderGetMaxSpeed returns the maximum possible speed for the decoder. An error is generated if an attempt is made to set the speed steps beyond this value.
 OKamEngGetFunction
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description*
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iFunctionID int 0-8 2 In Function ID number
 lpFunction value int * 3 Out Pointer to function value
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

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2 FL is 0. F1-F8 are 1-8 respectively. Maximum for this decoder is given by KamEngGetFunctionMax. 3 Function active is boolean TRUE and inactive is boolean FALSE.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 10 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngGetFunction takes the decoder object ID, a function ID, and a pointer to the location to store the specified function state as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by lpFunction to the specified function state.
 OKamEngPutFunction
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 iFunctionID int 0-8 2 In Function ID number
 iFunction value int 3 In Function value
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 20 2 FL is 0. F1-F8 are 1-8 respectively. Maximum for this decoder is given by KamEngGetFunctionMax.
 3 Function active is boolean TRUE and inactive is boolean FALSE.
 Return Value Type Range Description*
 iError short 1 Error flag
 25 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 KamEngPutFunction takes the decoder object ID, a function ID, and a new function state as parameters. It sets the specified locomotive database function state to iFunction. Note: This command only changes the locomotive database. The data is not sent to the decoder until execution of the KamCmdCommand command.
 OKamEngGetFunctionMax
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 piMaxFunction int * 0-8 Out Pointer to maximum function number
 35 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 40 KamEngGetFunctionMax takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to the maximum function ID as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piMaxFunction to the maximum possible function number for the specified decoder.
 OKamEngGetName
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 pbsEngName BSTR * 2 Out Pointer to locomotive name
 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 50 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).
 55 KamEngGetName takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to the locomotive name as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pbsEngName to the name of the locomotive.
 OKamEngPutName
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description*
 iDecoderObjectID long 1 In Decoder object ID
 bsEngName BSTR 2 Out Locomotive name
 60 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.
 2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.
 Return Value Type Range Description
 iError short 1 Error flag
 65 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

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KamEngPutName takes a decoder object ID and a BSTR as parameters. It sets the symbolic locomotive name to bsEngName.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-8 2	In	Function ID number
pbsFcnNameString	BSTR	3	Out	Pointer to function name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 FL is 0. F1-F8 are 1-8 respectively. Maximum for this decoder is given by KamEngGetFunctionMax. 3 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamEngGetFunctionName takes a decoder object ID, function ID, and a pointer to the function name as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by pbsFcnNameString to the symbolic name of the specified function.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-8 2	In	Function ID number
bsFcnNameString	BSTR	3	In	Function name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 FL is 0. F1-F8 are 1-8 respectively. Maximum for this decoder is given by KamEngGetFunctionMax. 3 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error Flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamEngPutFunctionName takes a decoder object ID, function ID, and a BSTR as parameters. It sets the specified symbolic function name to bsFcnNameString.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piMaxConsist	int *	2	Out	Pointer to max consist number

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Command station dependent.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamEngGetConsistMax takes the decoder object ID and a pointer to a location to store the maximum consist as parameters. It sets the location pointed to by piMaxConsist to the maximum number of locomotives that can but placed in a command station controlled consist. Note that this command is designed for command station consisting. CV consisting is handled using the CV commands.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDCCParentObjID	long	1	In	Parent decoder object ID
iDCCAliasAddr	int	2	In	Alias decoder address

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 1-127 for short locomotive addresses. 1-10239 for long locomotive decoders.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamEngPutConsistParent takes the parent object ID and an alias address as parameters. It makes the decoder

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5 specified by IDCCParentObjID the consist parent referred to by iDCCAliasAddr. Note that this command is designed for command station consisting. CV consisting is handled using the CV commands. If a new parent is defined for a consist; the old parent becomes a child in the consist.

To delete a parent in a consist without deleting the consist, you must add a new parent then delete the old parent using KamEngPutConsistRemoveObj.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDCCParentObjID	long	1	In	Parent decoder object ID
IDCCObjID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

20 KamEngPutConsistChild takes the decoder parent object ID and decoder object ID as parameters. It assigns the decoder specified by IDCCObjID to the consist identified by IDCCParentObjID. Note that this command is designed for command station consisting. CV consisting is handled using the CV commands. Note: This command is invalid if the parent has not been set previously using KamEngPutConsistParent.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
IDCCObjID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamEngPutConsistRemoveObj takes the decoder object ID as a parameter. It removes the decoder specified by IDecoderObjectID from the consist. Note that this command is designed for command station consisting. CV consisting is handled using the CV commands. Note: If the parent is removed, all children are removed also.

A. Commands to control accessory decoders

This section describes the commands that control accessory decoders. These commands control things such as accessory decoder activation state. For efficiency, a copy of all the engine variables such speed is stored in the server. Commands such as KamAccGetFunction communicate only with the server, not the actual decoder. You should first make any changes to the server copy of the engine variables. You can send all changes to the engine using the KamCmdCommand command.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-31 2	In	Function ID number
lpFunction	int *	3	Out	Pointer to function value

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum for this decoder is given by KamAccGetFunctionMax.

3 Function active is boolean TRUE and inactive is boolean FALSE.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

60 KamAccGetFunction takes the decoder object ID, a function ID, and a pointer to the location to store the specified function state as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by lpFunction to the specified function state.

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piValue	int *	2	Out	Function bit mask

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1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Each bit represents a single function state.
Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccGetFunctionAll takes the decoder object ID and a
pointer to a bit mask as parameters. It sets each bit in
the memory pointed to by piValue to the corresponding
function state.

OKamAccPutFunction

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-31 2	In	Function ID number
piValue	int	3	In	Function value

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

3 Function active is boolean TRUE and inactive is
boolean FALSE.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccPutFunction takes the decoder object ID, a function
ID, and a new function state as parameters. It sets the
specified accessory database function state to iFunction.
Note: This command only changes the accessory database.
The data is not sent to the decoder until execution of
the KamCmdCommand command.

OKamAccPutFunctionAll

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piValue	int	2	In	Pointer to function state array

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Each bit represents a single function state.
Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccPutFunctionAll takes the decoder object ID and a
bit mask as parameters. It sets all decoder function
enable states to match the state bits in piValue. The
possible enable states are TRUE and FALSE. The data is
not sent to the decoder until execution of the
KamCmdCommand command.

OKamAccGetFunctionMax

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piMaxFunction	int *	0-31 2	Out	Pointer to maximum function number

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccGetFunctionMax takes a decoder object ID and
pointer to the maximum function number as parameters. It
sets the memory pointed to by piMaxFunction to the
maximum possible function number for the specified
decoder.

OKamAccGetName

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
pbsAccNameString	BSTP *	2	Out	Accessory name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

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5 KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact return type depends on language. It is
Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccGetName takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to
a string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by
pbsAccNameString to the name of the accessory.

OKamAccPutName

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
bsAccNameString	BSTR	2	In	Accessory name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is
LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccPutName takes a decoder object ID and a BSTR as
parameters. It sets the symbolic accessory name to
bsAccName.

25 OKamAccGetFunctionName

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-31 2	In	Function ID number
pbsFcnNameString	BSTR *	3	Out	Pointer to function name

30 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

3 Exact return type depends on language. It is
Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description*
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccGetFunctionName takes a decoder object ID,
function ID, and a pointer to a string as parameters. It
sets the memory pointed to by pbsFcnNameString to the
symbolic name of the specified function.

OKamAccPutFunctionName

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iFunctionID	int	0-31 2	In	Function ID number
bsFcnNameString	BSTR	3	In	Function

45 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

3 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is
LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamAccPutFunctionName takes a decoder object ID, function
ID, and a BSTR as parameters. It sets the specified
symbolic function name to bsFcnNameString.

55 OKamAccRegFeedback

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description*
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
bsAccNode	BSTR	1	In	Server node name
iFunctionID	int	0-31 3	In	Function ID number

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by
KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is
LPCSTR for C++.

3 Maximum for this decoder is given by
KamAccGetFunctionMax.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number	

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(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamAccRegFeedback takes a decoder object ID, node name string, and function ID, as parameters. It registers interest in the function given by iFunctionID by the method given by the node name string bsAccNode. bsAccNode identifies the server application and method to call if the function changes state. Its format is "\\{Server}\\{App}\\{Method}" where {Server} is the server name, {App} is the application name, and {Method} is the method name.

OKamAccRegFeedbackAll

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
bsAccNode	BSTR	2	In	Server node name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamAccRegFeedbackAll takes a decoder object ID and node name string as parameters. It registers interest in all functions by the method given by the node name string bsAccNode. bsAccNode identifies the server application and method to call if the function changes state. Its format is "\\{Server}\\{App}\\{Method}" where {Server} is the server name, {App} is the application name, and {Method} is the method name.

OKamAccDelFeedback

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
bsAccNode	BSTR	2	In	Server node name
iFunctionID	int	0-31	3 In	Function ID number

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.

3 Maximum for this decoder is given by

KamAccGetFunctionMax.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamAccDelFeedback takes a decoder object ID, node name string, and function ID, as parameters. It deletes interest in the function given by iFunctionID by the method given by the node name string bsAccNode. bsAccNode identifies the server application and method to call if the function changes state. Its format is "\\{Server}\\{App}\\{Method}" where {Server} is the server name, {App} is the application name, and {Method} is the method name.

OKamAccDelFeedbackAll

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
bsAccNode	BSTR	2	In	Server node name

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by

KamDecoderPutAdd.

2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

KamAccDelFeedbackAll takes a decoder object ID and node name string as parameters. It deletes interest in all functions by the method given by the node name string bsAccNode. bsAccNode identifies the server application and method to call if the function changes state. Its format is "\\{Server}\\{App}\\{Method}" where {Server} is the server name, {App} is the application name, and {Method} is the method name.

A. Commands to control the command station

This section describes the commands that control the command station. These commands do things

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5 such as controlling command station power. The steps to control a given command station vary depending on the type of command station.

OKamOprPutTurnOnStation

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

10 1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

15 KamOprPutTurnOnStation takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to turn on the command station. This command performs a combination of other commands such as KamOprPutStartStation, KamOprPutClearStation, and KamOprPutPowerOn.

OKamOprPutStartStation

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number

(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

25 KamOprPutStartStation takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to start the command station.

OKamOprPutClearStation

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number

(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

35 KamOprPutClearStation takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to clear the command station queue.

OKamOprPutStopStation

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

40 1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number

(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

45 KamOprPutStopStation takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to stop the command station.

OKamOprPutPowerOn

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

50 1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number

(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

55 KamOprPutPowerOn takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to apply power to the track.

OKamOprPutPowerOff

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	1 In	Logical port ID

60 1 Maximum value for this server given by

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number

(see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).

65 KamOprPutPowerOff takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It performs the steps necessary to remove power from the track.

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2 PARITY0 - NONE, 1 - ODD, 2 - EVEN, 3 - MARK,
4 - SPACE
3 STOP 0 - 1 bit, 1 - 1.5 bits, 2 - 2 bits
4 WATCHDOG 500 - 65535 milliseconds. Recommended
value 2048
10 5 FLOW 0 - NONE, 1 - XON/XOFF, 2 - RTS/CTS, 3 BOTH
6 DATA 0 - 7 bits, 1 - 8 bits
7 DEBUGBit mask. Bit 1 sends messages to debug file.
Bit 2 sends messages to the screen. Bit 3 shows
queue data. Bit 4 shows UI status. Bit 5 is
reserved. Bit 6 shows semaphore and critical
sections. Bit 7 shows miscellaneous messages. Bit
8 shows comm port activity. 130 decimal is
recommended for debugging.
15 8 PARALLEL
OKamPortPutConfig
Parameter List Type Range Direction Description*
20 iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
iIndex int 2 In Configuration type index
iValue int 2 In Configuration value
iKey int 3 In Debug key
1 Maximum value for this server given by
KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.
2 See FIG. 7: Controller configuration Index values
25 for a table of indexes and values.
3 Used only for the DEBUG iIndex value. Should be set
to 0.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number
30 (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
KamPortPutConfig takes a logical port ID, configuration
index, configuration value, and key as parameters. It
sets the port parameter specified by iIndex to the value
specified by iValue. For the DEBUG iIndex value, the
debug file path is C:\Temp\Debug\{PORT}.txt where {PORT}
35 is the physical comm port ID.
OKamPortGetConfig
Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
iIndex int 2 In Configuration type index
piValue int * 2 Out Pointer to configuration value
1 Maximum value for this server given by
KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.
2 See FIG. 7: Controller configuration Index values
40 for a table of indexes and values.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number
45 (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
KamPortGetConfig takes a logical port ID, configuration
index, and a pointer to a configuration value as
parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by piValue to
the specified configuration value.
OKamPortGetName
50 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iPhysicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Physical port
number
pbsPortName BSTR * 2 Out Physical port name
1 Maximum value for this server given by
KamPortGetMaxPhysical.
2 Exact return type depends on language. It is
55 Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number
60 (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).
KamPortGetName takes a physical port ID number and a
pointer to a port name string as parameters. It sets the
memory pointed to by pbsPortName to the physical port
name such as "COMM1."
OKamPortPutMapController
Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
65 iControllerID int 1-65535 2 In Command station
type ID

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iCommPortID int 1-65535 3 In Physical comm port ID

1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.

2 See FIG. 6; Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by **KamMiscMaxControllerID**.

3 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxPhysical**.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamPortPutMapController takes a logical port ID, a command station type ID, and a physical communications port ID as parameters. It maps **iLogicalPortID** to **iCommPortID** for the type of command station specified by **iControllerID**.

OKamPortGetMaxLogPorts

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description*
piMaxLogicalPorts	int *	1	Out	Maximum logical port ID

1 Normally 1-65535. 0 returned on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamPortGetMaxLogPorts takes a pointer to a logical port ID as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by **piMaxLogicalPorts** to the maximum logical port ID.

OKamPortGetMaxPhysical

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
pMaxPhysical	int *	1	Out	Maximum physical port ID
pMaxSerial	int *	1	Out	Maximum serial port ID
pMaxParallel	int *	1	Out	Maximum parallel port ID

1 Normally 1-65535. 0 returned on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamPortGetMaxPhysical takes a pointer to the number of physical ports, the number of serial ports, and the number of parallel ports as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by the parameters to the associated values.

A. Commands that control command flow to the command station

This section describes the commands that control the command flow to the command station. These commands do things such as connecting and disconnecting from the command station.

OKamCmdConnect

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description*
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535 1	In	Logical port ID

1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCmdConnect takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It connects the server to the specified command station.

OKamCmdDisconnect

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535 1	In	Logical port ID

1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCmdDisconnect takes a logical port ID as a parameter. It disconnects the server to the specified command station.

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5 **OKamCmdCommand**

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by **KamDecoderPutAddr**.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCmdCommand takes the decoder object ID as a parameter. It sends all state changes from the server database to the specified locomotive or accessory decoder.

15 A. Cab Control Commands

This section describes commands that control the cabs attached to a command station.

OKamCabGetMessage

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iCabAddress	int	1-65535 1	In	Cab address
pbsMsg	BSTR *	2	Out	Cab message string

20 1 Maximum value is command station dependent.
2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCabGetMessage takes a cab address and a pointer to a message string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by **pbsMsg** to the present cab message.

OKamCabPutMessage

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iCabAddress	int	1	In	Cab address
bsMsg	BSTR	2	Out	Cab message string

1 Maximum value is command station dependent.
2 Exact parameter type depends on language. It is LPCSTR for C++.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCabPutMessage takes a cab address and a BSTR as parameters. It sets the cab message to **bsMsg**.

OKamCabGetCabAddr

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description*
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
piCabAddress	int *	1-65535 2	Out	Pointer to Cab address

1 Opaque object ID handle returned by **KamDecoderPutAddr**.

2 Maximum value is command station dependent.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCabGetCabAddr takes a decoder object ID and a pointer to a cab address as parameters. It set the memory pointed to by **piCabAddress** to the address of the cab attached to the specified decoder.

OKamCabPutAddrToCab

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
IDecoderObjectID	long	1	In	Decoder object ID
iCabAddress	int	1-65535 2	In	Cab address

55 1 Opaque object ID handle returned by **KamDecoderPutAddr**.

2 Maximum value is command station dependent.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	
1		iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrorMsg).	

KamCabPutAddrToCab takes a decoder object ID and cab address as parameters. It attaches the decoder specified by **IDecoderObjectID** to the cab specified by **iCabAddress**.

A. Miscellaneous Commands

This section describes miscellaneous commands that do not fit into the other categories.

65 **OKamMiscGetErrorMsg**

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
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iError int 0-65535 1 In Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero indicates an error.
Return Value Type Range Description
bsErrorString BSTR 1 Error string
 1 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
KamMiscGetErrorMsg takes an error flag as a parameter. It returns a BSTR containing the descriptive error message associated with the specified error flag.
OKamMiscGetClockTime
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
iSelectTimeMode int 2 In Clock source
piDay int * 0-6 Out Day of week
piHours int * 0-23 Out Hours
piMinutes int * 0-59 Out Minutes
piRatio int * 3 Out Fast clock ratio
 1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.
 2 0 - Load from command station and sync server.
 1 - Load direct from server. 2 - Load from cached server copy of command station time.
 3 Real time clock ratio.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscGetClockTime takes the port ID, the time mode, and pointers to locations to store the day, hours, minutes, and fast clock ratio as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by **piDay** to the fast clock day, sets pointed to by **piHours** to the fast clock hours, sets the memory pointed to by **piMinutes** to the fast clock minutes, and the memory pointed to by **piRatio** to the fast clock ratio. The servers local time will be returned if the command station does not support a fast clock.
OKamMiscPutClockTime
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
iDay int 0-6 In Day of week
iHours int 0-23 In Hours
iMinutes int 0-59 In Minutes
iRatio int 2 In Fast clock ratio
 1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**. 2 Real time clock ratio.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscPutClockTime takes the fast clock logical port, the fast clock day, the fast clock hours, the fast clock minutes, and the fast clock ratio as parameters. It sets the fast clock using specified parameters.
OKamMiscGetInterfaceVersion
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
pbsInterfaceVersion BSTR * 1 Out Pointer to interface version string
 1 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscGetInterfaceVersion takes a pointer to an interface version string as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by **pbsInterfaceVersion** to the interface version string. The version string may contain multiple lines depending on the number of interfaces supported.
OKamMiscSaveData
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
 NONE
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscSaveData takes no parameters. It saves all server data to permanent storage. This command is run

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5 automatically whenever the server stops running. Demo versions of the program cannot save data and this command will return an error in that case.
OKamMiscGetControllerName
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iControllerID int 1-65535 1 In Command station type ID
pbsName BSTR * 2 Out Command station type name
 1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by **KamMiscMaxControllerID**.
 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
Return Value Type Range Description
pbsName BSTR 1 Command station type name
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscGetControllerName takes a command station type ID and a pointer to a type name string as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by **pbsName** to the command station type name.
OKamMiscGetControllerNameAtPort
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 1 In Logical port ID
pbsName BSTR * 2 Out Command station type name
 1 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.
 2 Exact return type depends on language. It is Cstring * for C++. Empty string on error.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
 35 **KamMiscGetControllerName** takes a logical port ID and a pointer to a command station type name as parameters. It sets the memory pointed to by **pbsName** to the command station type name for that logical port.
OKamMiscGetCommandStationValue
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iControllerID int 1-65535 1 In Command station type ID
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 2 In Logical port ID
iIndex int 3 In Command station array index
piValue int * 0-65535 Out Command station value
 1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by **KamMiscMaxControllerID**.
 2 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**.
 3 0 to **KamMiscGetCommandStationIndex**.
Return Value Type Range Description
iError short 1 Error flag
 50 1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see **KamMiscGetErrorMsg**).
KamMiscGetCommandStationValue takes the controller ID, logical port, value array index, and a pointer to the location to store the selected value. It sets the memory pointed to by **piValue** to the specified command station miscellaneous data value.
OKamMiscSetCommandStationValue
 Parameter List Type Range Direction Description
iControllerID int 1-65535 1 In Command station type ID
iLogicalPortID int 1-65535 2 In Logical port ID
iIndex int 3 In Command station array index
iValue int 0-65535 In Command station value
 1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by **KamMiscMaxControllerID**.
 2 Maximum value for this server given by **KamPortGetMaxLogPorts**. 3 0 to
 65 **KamMiscSetCommandStationIndex**.
Return Value Type Range Description

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iError short	1	Error flag		
1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number. (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).				
KamMiscSetCommandStationValue takes the controller ID, logical port, value array index, and new miscellaneous data value. It sets the specified command station data to the value given by piValue.				
OKamMiscGetCommandStationIndex				
Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iControllerID	int	1-65535	1 In	Command station type ID
iLogicalPortID	int	1-65535	2 In	Logical port ID
piIndex	int	0-65535	Out	Pointer to maximum index

1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by KamMiscMaxControllerID.

2 Maximum value for this server given by KamPortGetMaxLogPorts.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamMiscGetCommandStationIndex takes the controller ID, logical port, and a pointer to the location to store the maximum index. It sets the memory pointed to by piIndex to the specified command station maximum miscellaneous data index.

OKamMiscMaxControllerID

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
piMaxControllerID	int *	1-65535	1 Out	Maximum controller type ID

1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for a list of controller ID values. 0 returned on error.

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
iError short	1	Error flag	

1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).

KamMiscMaxControllerID takes a pointer to the maximum controller ID as a parameter. It sets the memory pointed to by piMaxControllerID to the maximum controller type ID.

OKamMiscGetControllerFacility

Parameter List	Type	Range	Direction	Description
iControllerID	int	1-65535	1 In	Command station type ID
pdwFacility	long *	2	Out	Pointer to command station facility mask

1 See FIG. 6: Controller ID to controller name mapping for values. Maximum value for this server is given by KamMiscMaxControllerID.

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- 0 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_ADDR
 - 1 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_REG
 - 2 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_PAGE
 - 3 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_DIR
 - 4 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_FLYSHT
 - 5 - CMDSDTA_PRGMODE_FLYLNG
 - 6 - Reserved
 - 7 - Reserved
 - 8 - Reserved
 - 9 - Reserved
 - 10 - CMDSDTA_SUPPORT_CONSIST
 - 11 - CMDSDTA_SUPPORT_LONG
 - 12 - CMDSDTA_SUPPORT_FEED
 - 13 - CMDSDTA_SUPPORT_2TRK
 - 14 - CMDSDTA_PROGRAM_TRACK
 - 15 - CMDSDTA_PROGMAM_POFF
 - 16 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_ADDR
 - 17 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_REG
 - 18 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_PAGE
 - 19 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_DIR
 - 20 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_FLYSHT
 - 21 - CMDSDTA_FEDMODE_FLYLNG
 - 30 - Reserved
 - 31 - CMDSDTA_SUPPORT_FASTCLK

Return Value	Type	Range	Description
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5	iError short	1	Error flag
	1 iError = 0 for success. Nonzero is an error number (see KamMiscGetErrMsg).		
	KamMiscGetControllerFacility takes the controller ID and a pointer to the location to store the selected controller facility mask. It sets the memory pointed to by pdwFacility to the specified command station facility mask.		
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The terms and expressions which have been employed in the foregoing specification are used therein as terms of description and not of limitation, and there is no intention, in the use of such terms and expressions, of excluding equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof, it being recognized that the scope of the invention is defined and limited only by the claims which follow.

20 What is claimed is:

1. A method of operating a digitally controlled model railroad comprising the steps of:

(a) transmitting a first command from a first program to an interface;

(b) transmitting a second command from a second program to said interface; and

(c) sending third and fourth commands from said interface representative of said first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an acknowledgment to said first program in response to receiving said first command by said interface prior to sending said third command to said digital command station; and

(b) providing an acknowledgment to said second program in response to receiving said second command by said interface prior to sending said fourth command to said digital command station.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

(a) selectively sending said third command to one of a plurality of digital command stations; and

(b) selectively sending said fourth command to one of said plurality of digital command stations.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of receiving command station responses representative of the state of said digitally controlled model railroad from said plurality of digital command stations.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of comparing said command station responses to previous commands sent to at least one of said plurality of digital command stations to determine which of said previous commands it corresponds with.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

(a) maintaining a sending queue of commands to be transmitted to said plurality of digital command stations; and

(b) retransmitting at least one of said commands in said sending queue periodically until removed from said sending queue as a result of the comparison of said command station responses to previous commands.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of updating a database of the state of said digitally controlled model railroad based upon said receiving command station responses representative of said state of said digitally controlled model railroad.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of providing said acknowledgment to said first program in

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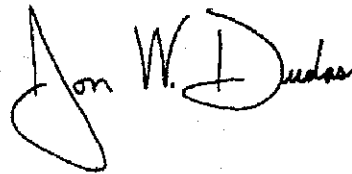
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 2,

Line 38, change "model railroad In" to -- model railroad. In --

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